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S. RES. 409

Calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed
“Anti-Homosexuality Bill”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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the proposed “Anti-Homosexuality Bill”, and for other
purposes.

Whereas a bill introduced on October 14, 2009, by a member
of Parliament in Uganda would expand penalties for ho-
mosexuality to include the death penalty and requires
citizens to report information about homosexuality to the
police or face imprisonment;

Whereas many countries criminalize homosexuality, and in
some countries, such as Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and
Sudan, the penalty for homosexuality includes the death
penalty;

Whereas the United States, in seeking to promote the core
American principles of equality and “Life, Liberty, and

the pursuit of Happiness,” has long championed the universality of human rights;

Whereas religious leaders in the United States, along with representatives from the Vatican and the Anglican Church, have stated that laws criminalizing homosexuality are unjust; and

Whereas the people and Government of the United States recognize that such laws undermine our commitment to combating HIV/AIDS globally through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) by stigmatizing and criminalizing vulnerable communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) calls on members of the Parliament in
3 Uganda to reject the “Anti-Homosexuality Bill” re-
4 cently proposed in that country;

5 (2) urges the governments of all countries to re-
6 ject and repeal similar criminalization laws; and

7 (3) encourages the Secretary of State to closely
8 monitor human rights abuses that occur because of
9 sexual orientation and to encourage the repeal or re-
10 form of laws such as the proposed “Anti-Homosex-
11 uality Bill” in Uganda that permit such abuses.

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